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AND SCATTEROMETRY MEASUREMENTS, INCLUDING  
CHARACTERIZATION OF THIN FILM STRUCTURES

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**  
**under 37 CFR 1.705(d)**

Patentee hereby requests that the Patent Term Adjustment for the above-identified U.S. patent be reconsidered. It is Patentee's belief that the Patent Term Adjustment on the issued patent (set at 235 days as stated on the Patent cover sheet) is incorrect and that the Patent Term Adjustment for which the above-identified patent is entitled is **278 days**.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) reduced 43 days of Applicant's term by erroneously recording the Issue fee Payment received on October 10, 2006 as a "Miscellaneous Incoming Letter". However, the Issue Fee Payment was complete and nothing further needed to be filed at allowance, and there were no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination as set forth in 1.704. Therefore, Patentee should not have been penalized 43 days and the correct PTA should be:

$$235 \text{ days} + 43 \text{ days} = \mathbf{278 \text{ days}}$$

Based on the foregoing, Patentee requests that the Patent Term Adjustment on this patent be adjusted to **278 days**. The above-identified patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

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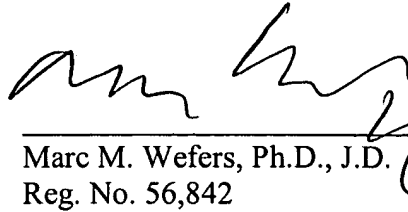
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Enclosed is a check for the fee of \$200 required under 37 CFR §1.18(e). Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 09712-332001.

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